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TAGS: OGEN, BG

SUBJECT: BILLS FOR SUPPLIES TO BANGLADESH RIFLES

REF: A. STATE 78321 B. ISLAMABAD 3854 (NOTAL)

1. MESSAGE CITED REF A HAS BEEN SENT AGAIN BY CHIEF, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BRANCH, GSA, WASHINGTON, DC, WITH ADDRESSEE CITED AS BANGLADESH RIFLES, DACCA. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"REQUEST IMMEDIATE PAYMENT FOLLOWING DELINQUENT STATEMENTS. ACKNOWLEDGE AND ADVISE STATUS RETURN WIRE.

INVOICE NO. DATE BILLED AMOUNT

AL898	12/30/72	\$ 28.33
AZ709	12/31/71	44.49
ND318	12/30/72	42.92
OP051	11/21/72	49.50
OR332	11/30/72	28.43
OV235	12/30/72	3,622.58
PJ895	4/30/73	47.27

IDENTIFY YOUR 72RICO IN YOUR REPLY."

2. NO EXPLANATION HOWEVER HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS TO WHAT THE BILLS ARE FOR. (NOR CAN EMBASSY ISLAMABAD CLARIFY - REF B.) WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUSPECT BILLS MAY BE FOR SUPPLIES PROCURED UNDER PAKISTAN-PERIOD

MILITARY SALES AGREEMENT, THE ORDERS FOR WHICH WERE NOT STOPPED FOLLOWING OUTBREAK OF CIVIL WAR 1971. IF DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES HAS BEEN MADE HERE, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM BANGLADESH RIFLES OF LIABILITY. CLAIM WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE MADE THAT BANGLADESH RIFLES DID NOT PLACE ORDER; PAKISTAN MILITARY DID AND IT SHOULD PAY. DISPOSITION OF ITEMS DELIVERED HERE WOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN MEET TO DIVIDE UP TOTAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF FORMER UNITED STATE.

3. IF OUR HYPOTHESIS IS TRUE--THAT BANGLADESH RIFLES ITSELF DID NOT PLACE ORDER BUT PAKISTAN-PERIOD MILITARY ORGANIZATION DID SO--SUGGEST REVIEW ALL OTHER ORDERS FOR DELIVERY TO FORMER EAST PAKISTAN, NOW BANGLADESH, AND STOPPAGE OF SHIPMENT HERE AND REDIRECTION TO GOVERNMENT PLACING ORDER.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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